RATES OF ADVERTISING.

NO. 9.

-The number of deaths in New York in 1878 was 27,005; births, 25,729; mar-

thirty-three inches in diameter, has been discovered in Sumatra.

-The Cincinnati gas companies offer -A San Francisco paper estimates

-Switzerland, which formerly sent \$4,000,000 worth of silk ribbon to this country, now sends but \$1,000,000

-The sum of \$3,186,58 has been sub-

-From the debris of their coal mines France makes annually 700,080 tons of excellent fuel, and Belgium 500,000

tons. -Railroad building is on the decrease in the New England States. Last year

and 50 in 1876.

Mich., at the age of sixty-nine. -The population of London has doubled in the last forty-seven years,

is only increased seven per centum. -The Memphis Appeal notes that while there are 20,000,000 acres of land in Tennessee unoccupied and untilled, strong men are begging from house to

hibition will open at Sidney, August 1st. five or thirty feet, but then we couldn't his blanket. This time it appeared to the United States and Canada, and more -M. Friedrich Luther, a theological

student at Strasburg University, is a distant kinsman of the great Reformer. He comes in a direct line from Heinz Luther, uncle of Martin Luther.

-The people of Eric county, Pa., it is said, intend to apply to the Legislature or forward, and pulled the trigger. under water. A snake always goes ing soul within half a mile, and at an for an appropriation with which to erect unearthly hour to have such an unex- a suitable shaft to mark the burial place

> General in England prove that there are in that country nearly a million more females than males. age of ter years the difference in the number of the two sexes is not marked. -The Pope has sent ten Jesuits to evangelize the coun-

> 500 porters, servants, &t., who will be -Mrs. John Murray, awidow residing at Cousett, near Glasgow, entertained at dinner on Christmas Day her fifteen children, forty grandchildren and two great-grand children. All fifty-seven

> -The annual report of the Boston Fish Bureau shows that during the year 1878 there were received in Boston 143.-058 barrels of mackerel, 65,110 barrels of herring, 386,223 barrels of smoked

> -The Federal Assembly of Switzerland has decided to postpone the further discussion of the proposed re-enactment of capital punishment until March next. Meanwhile, the Federal Council will

> subject. -A young lady at a hotel in St. Louis went in search of the bathroom, and groping along a dark passage open ed the door of the elevator aperture and fell down the space, seriously injuring himself. Judge Boyle, of the Circuit Court, dismissed her suit for damages,

> sees without having any knowledge of what the place may be. -Since its foundation the British National Lifeboat Institution has con tributed to the saving of 26,054 shipwrecked persons, for which service it has granted 980 gold and silver medals and pecuniary awards to the amount of \$284,250. Last year its lifeboats saved of danger, and rewards were paid for the saving of 145 persons by fishers and watermen. Though 12,000 men put out in the society's 260 life-boats last year,

> -What is claimed to be the largest and oldest apple tree in New Hampshire has just been cut down. Its age is stated at 200 years. It measured at the ground 11 feet 8 inches in circumference. Four feet from the ground it measured in circumference, and a smaller one over 3 feet. About forty years ago it bore fifty bushels of apples in one season and until the present year it has borne fruit annually.

-The British naval authorities have been making experiments for some time, with the view of testing the power-of resistance to heavy shells of coals in the bunkers of men-of-war. The latest tescs at Portsmouth seem to indicate that loose coal is the most effective only partly armored vessels, the bunkers are built around the machinery. could neither penetrate the coal nor set it on fire.

Thou little child, with tender, clinging arms, Drop thy sweet head, my darling, down and

Be soothed and comforted, be loved and

Against thy silken, honey-colored hair I lean a loving cheek, a mild caress : Close, close, I gather thee and kiss thy fair

White eyelids, sleep so softly doth oppress Dear little face, that lies in calm content Within the gracious bollow that God made In every human shoulder, where he meant

ne tired head for comfort should be laid Most like a heavy folded rose thou art, In summer air reposing, warm and still, Dream thy sweet dreams upon my quiet heart,

Baffled.

It was summer time-that bright season when the flowers wake up and nod their bright faces right in the eye of the sun; when the birds begin to rehappy little children all over the land laugh aloud in the sunshine.

But in striking contrast to the glowing beauty all around was the pinched form of a barefooted girl who was walking up the garden path. The farmhouse door stood open. The child gazed in with hungry eyes, but when Mrs. Halstead looked up and saw her, she turned to go away.

"Come back, my dear; you look as if you were hungry.' As if fascinated, the child drew near

to the kind, motherly speaker. "Oh, ma'arı please say it again."

"Say what? Do you mean 'my dear ?' " "Yes, that's what the pretty lady called the little girl when she came to

our house. She said it ever so often, and oh! It sounded so nice!" "Poor child!" said Mrs. Halstead, pltyingly, "did no one ever call you so

before? Where do you live?" "I don't live anywhere now; I ran away from the poor-house, and-oh! I am so hungry!" cried she, as she cast a longing look toward the bountiful

The eagerness with which the almost starved child devoured the food set before her brought tears to good Mrs. Halstead's eyes, and a quick thought

sprang to her mind. When the little one had finished eating, she drew her to her arms, and, pushing the tangled hair back from the broad forehead, the kind woman said:

"What is your name?" "Margaret!"

"Margaret, you are alone and unhappy; I have no children; would you like to come and live with me ?"

"With you!" the hazel eyes grew lustrous with a glad light. "Oh, may

"Yes, if you wish. I had a little girl once, but she was taken away, and her father has always wanted me to adopt one in her place. So, if you will be a good child, you shall stay,"

Little Margaret nestled close to Mrs. Halstead and looked up, her beautiful eyes full of the gratitude she could not express. When Margaret was dressed in the garments her little girl had worn, Mrs. Halstend led her to her husband, who was approaching the house. All was quickly explained, and the old farmer said heartily:

"Perhaps the Lord has sent her, wife, to make up for little Bessie."

And thus it came to pass that the little waif that came to the farm-house that summer day became known as know a good deal about Mr. Halstead's maiden in all the country round. Years passed, and each one brought

more trouble to good Farmer Halstead; and one afternoon, as his wife met him at the door, she noticed with alarm his white, pained face. Coming in, he sank wearily into his chair,

"It is no use, wife, the farm must go. Downley has lent all the money be can spare, and there is no other friend who can help me."

Tears sprang to his wife's eyes. It was hard to think of giving up the old garet turned toward her home. home, but she said :

"Dear husband, don't despair. God's ways are not our ways.'

the room. It was Margaret, tall and graceful, her cheeks glowing, her eyes great luminous wells of hazel light; out of their depths beamed forth the the Lowell High School. pure maiden soul, which could stoop to no mean act, and was strong to do and dare for those she loved.

"Why, father, mother, what is it ?" he asked, as she saw their emotion. All was soon told.

That evening Margaret sat very silently by the window, looking sadly out on the familiar scene she feared she | perfectly "splendid," must leave before long, when a tap on the door broke the sllence. It was opened by Mrs. Halstead, and a tall, fashionably-dressed young man entered

A flush tinged Margaret's fair cheek with a deeper rose as sheacknowledged his bow. His errand was soon told.

"I have heard, he said to Mr. Halstead, "that you wished to borrow a certain sum to-day and failed, and having an amount of money I want to invest, I have concluded to offer you the loan of it for two years."

A great hope sprang into the old farmer's heart.

"Really, Mr. Egerton, this is very

gage last year, but crops falled; and I ers began to mark the clarge hich feel that if I can only have a little more time, I may be able to save the farm. not help seeing what was so patent to

Atteck

"Simply this," replied Mr. Egerton, that with the money I furnish you, you shall cancel the present mortgage and give me a new one, payable two

"I will accept your kind offer, Mr. Egerton, and if things go as I hope with me, I shall thank you, sir, to the

end of my days. " "Very well; I am glad to help you, Mr. Halstead. I shall have the papers

made as soon as possible for you to sign. Good evening." 'Margaret, dear, are you not glad with I watch thy slumbers, naught shall do thee

her daughter's silence. "Mother, I wish it had been any one

Margaret did not reply, and was soon moving quietly about her duties; but

Hugh Egerton was the son of the wealthiest man in the village, and although Margaret had never spoken ever she had met him he had been of refinement his nature was essential-

went on as usual, until one afternoon; as Margaret was walking through a meadow, taking a short cut to the farm, a gentleman approached her.

It was Hugh Egerton, and, as he lifted his hat, his eyes dwelt with admiration upon the lovely, drooping face before him.

meet you." "Indeed, Mr. Egerton." The young girl's form seemed to grow taller, as she looked up brayely into his face, for she knew and dreaded what was com-

She was not mistaken. He began, never doubting what answer he should

receive. "Margaret, I am going to ask you to fill the proudest place in the country-Mrs. Egerton of Egerton Hall."

nized as inevitable, lessened somewhat. Not noticing the expression of her face

he went on :-I made up my mind that you should be

"Stop, Mr. Egerton! Go no further!

"Cannot? What is there to forbid?" "Because," slowly replied Margaret,

do, then ?' motive in aiding her father flashed upon her, and in indignant tones she ex-

With a haughty stride Hugh Egerton left her, and, with a heavy heart, Mar-

base hands her father was in, and she So Margaret made up her mind to become a teacher, and got a position in

She found her position was no sineonly a few years younger than herself;

Months passed. At the holidays and vacations Margaret went home to the old people, who looked for her coming with glad, welcoming hearts.

tore he heard of her becoming a teacher he had started off on a European trip. The principal of the high school was named Mr. Elting. He was a grave, scholarly man. After a time Margaret rather haughty face always lighted up enchanting manner by oak forests, when in her society. Ralph Elting groves of palm, and lianas, while the was not a lady's man. Although polite and courteous, he always held himself aloof, and had gained the reputation of being entirely indifferent to the a wonderful poetic haze, like the golden

had come over him. Margaret could all; but the knowledge did not distress her as Hugh Egerton's love had, for she had recognized Mr. Elting's noble,

him the more fervently she grew to love the proud, reserved man. One afternoon, after school hours Mr. Elting invited Margaret to take a drive. He drove rapidly for a while, but once out of the city's bounds he checked the horse's pace, and turning, looked with tender meaning into the sweet face beside him. Then, almost

kingly nature, and the more she knew

abruptly, he said: "Miss Halstead, it may be suddenor we have not known each other long -but I must tell you that I love you, with the love a man gives but once in a lifetime. Can I hope it is not in

vain?" Then Margaret told him that the girl he was asking to be his wife had been taken from an alms-house, out of charity, and knew not even who her parents were. Her face blanched as she spoke, for she remembered Hugh Egerton's tone of contempt as he had alluded to her early life, and she had heard of Ralph Elting's pride of family and

When she gaused, Raiph drew he close to him, and in tender, ardent

ones exclaimed: "Margaret, what is a name? In giving me your sweet self you make me

king among men!" They were betrothed, and Margaret wrote of her happiness to her parents; but she still kept her position, until, one bright summer day, she spoke the last good-bye to her fellow teachers, and the evening saw her once more with her dear parents in the old farm-

Then she told them for the first time of Hugh Egerton's offer, and the penalty he had fixed for not complying with it.

"The cowardly rascal!" exclaimed Mr. Halstead, "Now I see why he was so willing to lend me the money. But Margaret, I hate to take your earnings in this way."

His mouth was playfully stopped by soft hand, while Margaret said : "You took me, a poor, neglected lit-

grudge me the happiness of partly paying the debt I owe to you and my dear mother. The next Wednesday was the day in other words, to be my bride, and that at one time had been so dreaded, and after helping her mother with her Involuntarily a smile sprang to Mar- duties, Margaret ran out into the gar-

tle child, into your home, and now be-

pain, which had made her dread this arm. Looking up she met Hugh Eger-"Good morning, Miss Margaret, You seem very happy, if your merry song is

a true sign. "I am, thank you. Did you enjoy "Yes, but the time passed too slowly I longed to return. Do you know, Marthat when I first saw your pretty face garet," he continued eagerly, "that to-day is the day I was to have a final answer?" He waited a little, and, as

> is in splendid order now, and only needs a mistress, and I know you must have repented your hasty words," Drawing herself up haughtily, Mar-

she did not speak, went on: "The hall

garet met his bold eyes. "Mr. Egerton, I repeat what I one said-I will never be your wife!" With a fierce look he turned and en-

tered the house. There, awaiting his "I have called," said Egerton, in tone of suppressed anger, "for the payment of that mortgage."

"Be seated, sir, please," the old farmer said, in a tone of grave politeness. 'Here is the amount. If you will count it I think you will find it cor-

Hugh Egerton walked home that morning, a sadder and perhaps a wiser Before long the old farm-house was he scene of great rejoicing, and Ralph

Elting, to please Margaret, gave up his position in the city, which he had really no use of keeping, and, buying a small place near the Halstead farm settled down there with his lovely bride.

The Sea Islands,

Nowhere on the face of the earth is which is strung along the coast of the United States from Key West to Charleston. The archipelage of the China Sea or of the Bahamas possibly includes as large a number, but they are scattered over a much larger space. These Sea Islands are all flat, never over ninety feet high, and are composed of a sandy alluvium in some cases, in others of a soil formed of coral abraded to dust, while others again, combine both formations. They are often divided from each other or from the adjoining main-land only oy winding but deep creeks through which the tide flows. These channels are sometimes sighing sedge that one is hardly conscious that the banks represent distinct Islands separated by the waters of the ocean. But although their formation would seem adapted to render these islands monotonous and uninteresting, they are really full of attraction, for delicious sea breczes of a semi-tropical clime and the historical legends and associations of the past invest them with roofs and spires of a distant town.

Caramita of La Carolina.

A whole band of robbers was very neatly trapped in La Carolina, Spain, by the bravery of a girl of 13, who has become the heroine of the neighborhood. She is the daughter of a farmer named Fueras, and is called Caramita. The family consists of the husband and wife and daughter. The farmer sold some eattle for \$1,500, and had the money in his house. A band of robbers knew of the sale and the money, and laid their plans to rob the house. After the farmer-had gone out with his work people, a couple of strangers approached the house-a man travelstained, supporting a woman who seemed unable to walk any further. The man explained to the farmer's wife that he was going to a distant village with his wife, and she, being ill, had broken down on the way. He asked permission for the sick woman to enter the house and rest, while he went to find a conveyance to enable them to continue their journey. The permission was granted, the woman taken in, and the man left. The sick woman partook of some refreshments, and the mother and daughter went on with their work. Very soon Carmaita discovered that their guest had on a pair of pantaloons under the gown. She communicated the fact to her mother managed to slip into another room close and lock the door. The visitor left opened, and the robber began to cut made though." through it with a large knife. At length he hacked a hole big enough for his body, and he began to crawl though it. The woman fainted and fell on the tell, because most of it was under wa- be in an opposite corner of the vault. will be allotted if required.

er's gun, which was in the room, There was an instantly dead man and with his tall under water." a loud report. The other robber lurking in the neighborhood heard the shot and returned to the house to find his comrade's dead body plugging the door sufficient to capture the other robber. charge of the living robber and the head, only more oval. His eyes were from his dull quarters. corpse. On the person of the dead robber, the police found two pistols, a pon- they were, perhaps about as big as iard and a whistle. The whistle was a saucers-and they stuck out just like treasure now, as there were doubtless more robbers within its call. The police sounded the whistle and coscealed themselves in the house to await results. The shrill call brought four more men into the house, where they were caged and ironed, and all five were marched to jail in good order, and the dead robber was buried.

"Aboard the Jane Eliza."-A young man protruded his head out of the aperture leading to the cabin of the sloop, "Jane Eliza," in response to the summons, and inquired what was wanted.

"Is the captain aboard?" Yes, the captain was aboard, but he was asleep. Well, he was wanted. So the young man disappeared beneath the deck, and in a few minutes the commander of the vessel showed himself. He was well along in years, sixty-five perhaps, and as he talked, the rain fell on his bald head. He is a Welshman, and has been in this port, off and on, for twenty-five years. His name is Daniel Dolton. Formerly he was in the employ of the Trowbridges; now he has brought a cargo of salt fors. E. Merwin & Sen. It was low tide when he was found, and the deck of the vessel was several feet below the level

of the Canal dock. "How about that sea-serpent? Is it true that you saw the monster of the

deep in Long Island Sound?" "Yes, I saw the sea scrpent, it was

of Greenwich point." "Wasn't It a seal?" "Don't you suppose I know a seal when I see one? I've been on the water for coming on fifty-one years, and don't I know a scal. Oh, I know the there such a congeries of islands as that men say there was too much apple jack on board, but we don't see it. haven't smoked a cigar, or chewed s chew of tobacco, or played a game of cards in my life. But I ain't going to say anything more about it; I am golug to give it to my friend Bennett of the New York Herald, I remember him as long ago as when he was on the Courier and Enquirer, Whenever we nitot boat men used to see a boat in the ofling, we could tell what she was, and we would go right up to the Herald office and give them the news. We'd get a five-dollar bill for it. A seal! Well, I guess not. Why I've seen water snakes before this; great big ones, too. so narrow and overgrown with long I was in the English Navy under Admiral Fizroy, the one who invented the storm signals. We were at Monte Video, in Paraguay, at the time of the war-let's see, it must have been in '34, I was a young man then. Where did I see them? Why in the De La Plata. They were as big around as the leg of down as evedence?" stammered the one of our valued assistants, and should and wounded have amounted to 1 032,a table; nothing like the critter I saw chief justice, in great dismay, and final- by all means be encouraged. The comin the Sound last Tuesday. Why they used to come in the night and crawl up the cable, and get on deck. Well, no they warn't very pleasant visitors, but I never heard as they were venomous; then when I was in the old Dominion service in North Carolina, I saw Arizona.

would have put a ball in one of them just as well as not." "What color was he? Did you get good chance to see him?" "Oh, yes, when he went across our and looked at us, independent like. assigns he

some of those snakes are red just like ing in Philadelphia, one of Penn's the water, juniper water you know," brethern found him sitting in the gut-"How fast was the old fellow mov- ter on High street very drunk indeed. "He wasn't going very fast. He didn't seem to be frightened at all at us. I should like to have got a harpoon into him; I tell you I would have followed him as long as he would have kept it up. A tug boat would catch him, but then you know the surer of anything in my life than I was that I saw the sea-serpent. I couldn't be surer of anything in my

good many years. A Great Feat of Memory.

One of the most remarkable feats of memory is not recorded in the books, though it came before the public in a singular manner in January, 1847. At Sidney, Australia, a prisoner set up as his defense on trial an alibi, claiming to at Bethlehem, with its rows of little pole's novel, "The Old Baron," which chief of the Mohicans, so long a favora man named Lane had, with other ite hero with the American young novels, comitted to memory, the matter of time being disposed of by the declaration that Lane's recitation took two hours and a half. The attorney-general declared that this was Incredible, easily tamed, and will learn to accomwhereupon Lane clearing his throat pany a weeder about the garden and began; "In the time of King Henry, pick up such morsels as squash-bugs when the good Duke Humphrey return- rose-bugs, cut-worms and potato-beetles oner was acquitted.

-Up to the present time over 20,000 silver mines have been located in

All Night in a Vault. Not long ago the widow of a gentlething like that fellow. It warn't like man who had recently died at Toledo,

Merald

some snakes I tell you, in the Pamileo

and Roanoke, but I never saw any-

and dont use it on board."

"How big was he?"

motion ?"

"What did it look like?"

a perpoise; I've seen perpoises, or a Ohio, desired the vanit wherein the regrampus; it was about the color of a mains had been temporarily placed to shark, but it warn't a shark; you can be watched, so that body-snatchers and valued at \$50,000, was recently always tell a shark by his fin, which could have no opportunity to ply their makes a ripple on the water after he netarious calling. Thinking that the has gone under. I read about a sea ser- vault would be watched better by the pent being in the Sound; most of them sexton than any one else, Mr. Radbone seen it off Greenwich or somewhere was hired to keep a close lookout. At near there; but I never put much stock dark he took a lantern and blanket it will agree to use the gas for ten years. in it; you know most everybody thinks and made up a bed in front of the vault. they were drunk or just getting over a so that any one approaching it would that from 50,000 to 100,000 boxes of drunk; that's what I thought was most have to step over his body. But after raisins were put up in California last likely; when they talked about seeing lying there some time it grew quite year. snakes; but I tell you we warn't drunk cold, and he thought he could watch the corpse just as well if he went inside the vault out of the cold. So he worth. "Well, I'll tell you. We were going unlocked the vault and went in, but past Greenwich. It was about two found that he could not lock the vault scribed for the family of J. W. Barron, o'clock. Jimmy-that's my boy-he's from the inside. That would never do, about twenty-one-was steering. All and yet he was determined not to stay cashler. of a sudden he sung out, 'oh father, just outside. Finally he went back to the look at that thing over there.' Then it house and aroused his hired man, and came to him all in a minute and he says, the two went back to the vault. Mr. R. 'that is the sea serpent.' I looked the then took his lantern and blanket and way he pointed, and all iv'e got to say is went inside, made a bed on the floor, I never saw any critter like it before. and laid down for the night, having for 41 miles were built, against 119 in 1877, It was headed towards Captain's Island. companions to while away the tedious It went across our bow, about sixty hours, six corpses. The attendant It went across our bow, about sixty hours, six corpses. The attendant late President of the United States. head. That looked as if it was about went back to the house and his warm two-thirds out of water. How big was bed, leaving the sexton alone in the unobserved by the visitor, and the two it? Oh! I couldn't say about that, vault with his silent companions. You know it came all of a sudden and There was nothing to disturb his tran- but the number of arrests by the police we didn't have time to stop and think. quility during the early part of the alone and knowing that his character We called up Bill; that's my other son night. Every thing was quiet and still had been discovered, threw off his dis- and Jimmy yelled for Joe the cook, until about one o'clock, and then there guise and ordered the women to open But when he'd got on deck the serpent was a gentle noise, as though some one the door or die. The door was not had gone down; he saw the ripple he was tampering with the vault lock. Mr. R. took up his lantern and the noise stopped for a few moments, only to be-"I put him down for about twenty- gin again when he had laid down on One acre of space has been assigned to

floor. The brave girl seized her fath- ter, but we could see the head-that He could see nothing, and could only looked as if it was eighteen inches hear that steady scratch, scratch, which heavily charged with buckshot, placed across-and the neck which grew small became more and more distinct every the muzzle against the side of the man, about five feet and then swelled out instant. Mr. R. Is a brave man, but now half way through the hole, and big again until it was as big around he confesses that when one is locked in unable quickly to get either backward as a barrel. Most of it seemed to be a vault with six dead men, with no liv-"Did it move with an undulating plainable noise as that, was more than of General Anthony Wayne. men with ordinary nerves could stand. "We couldn't say about that because At any rate his hair began to rise, and the water was too rough. We were just as he was thinking of the best way and hanging there. Before he could salling close-reefed with mainsail and to defend himself against his spiritual remove the body, which was held in jib. If it had been smooth we could foes, a little chipmunk dashed from a the opening by the girl, and enter the have told better about him. But you dark corner, ran past him and darted coom where the mother and daughter know how rough it was Tuesday. His out between the bars in the vault door. Then they sent for some police to take a good deal like a shovel-nose shark's ing he was rather glad to be released and the missionaries will take withthem

The Last of the Mohicans.

like a toads-I couldn't tell how big Boys who have been fascinated by Cooper's novel of "The Last of the Mo-Ben Butler's eyes. If I had a gun I hicans," will be glad to know that Chinthe name of Wasa-mapah he was dwelling. known, about one hundred and fifty years ago, to all the tribes on the Lenapi, as their fiercest and most powerbows, on an angle, we saw him broad- ful leader, His fate was, however, very side. He turned his head towards us different from that which the novelist and looked at us, independent like. assigns heat. He was the first Indian We could see his great eyes as plain. met in the wilderness by Rauch the I couldn't tell what color the pupils Moravian missionary, and was cenvertof his eyes were. His skin was black ed by him and baptized Job, or Tsand green. Right after he looked at choop, as the Moravians pronounced us that way he dived down in the wa- it. Job was for a while subject to backter. Perhaps the water gives him that sliding both into fighting and drunken- prepare an exhaustive report on the green color. Down in South America ness. One story told of him is that, be-

"How's this Tschoon !" he said, " I heard thee had joined the Moravian brethern !" Techoop gave a knowing wink "So brother to Moravians, when me here, me brother to Quakers:" a reply of which we will understand the point when we remember that the early thing is he would dive. I never was Friends were as heavy drinkers as feeders. Tschoop, however, afterward became a sincere Christian, and was then as zealous and delife. You can ask the Trowbridges termined a leader for his people in who I am; I worked under them a path. He traveled among the Lenapi until he was an old man, preaching

with a success attained by no white missionary "This famous red man," testified Bishop Sprangenberg, has a marvelous power and the countenance of a Lu-

ther.' In the quaint Moravian "God's Acre' have been at the time that the complain- queer stones sunken flat in the grass, is 17 feet 8 inches in circumference. It ant was robbed at home in his own but one gray with lichen marked "Ts- was 50 feet high. It had seven large listening to the recital of Horace Wal- choop." Beneath lies the fierce last branches, the largest being over 6 feet

Toads live upon beetles, bugs, files

grubs and such small game. They are

ed from the wars in the holy land, as are thrown them. A toad has been means of protection yet discovered, where he had been sojourning for a known to put away within him over a and in the case of light, unarmored or number of years, there"-and had re- hundred different kinds of bugs and flies cited several pages when the attorney- and then wink for more. Such services In the case of the Oberon it was proved general told him to stop-he was quite as this surely ought to be recognized, by actual experiment that a shell from satisfied. But the counsel for the defense and such a servant accommodated with a 64-pounder, at two hundred yards, was not, and insisted that as the veraci- both board and lodging in the garden. ty of his witness had been questioned No animal is more inoffensive or minds the witness should be allowed to set his own business more closely. This the dog, but not injurious.

BRIEFS.

riages, 7629. -A sapphire weighing two pounds,

-A colossal flower, called the Titanum

the murdered Dexter (Maine) bank

died a few days ago at Ant Arbor,

house in that city for employment. -The Australian International Ex-

-The latest statistics of the Registrarwere, the farmer came with a force head looked more like a frog's head From that time on, nothing occurred to tries traversed by Stanley and Livingthan anything I can think of. It was mar his quiet watch, but in the morn- stone. The mission will cost \$40,000

gach-gook was a real personage. Under reside within a radius of a mile of her

herring, 174,285 quintals of cod and 52,034 quintals of hake.

holding that a guest in a hotel is not goot. When me in Bethleham me expected to wander around dark passages and go into the first open door she

religion as he had been on the war- 471 lives, and put seventeen vessels out not a life was lost.

-A statistical review of the battles

fought by Austrian troops since 1495 has himself right, also to prove the allega- valuable habit may, perhaps, be con- recently been issued by the military tion as to time by reciting the whole sidered the "jewel" which the toad is authorities, which shows that in that novel. "Do you expect me to take it all said to carry in his head. The toad is period the aggregate losses in killed 931, including 261 generals and 17,096 officers, while the prisoners taken by ly a compromise was arrived at and mon idea that to touch a toad will pro- the enemy were 56 generals, 4174 other Lane gave a chapter from the middle of duce warts upon the hand is unfounded. officers, and 289,041 non-commissioned the story and its conclusion. The pris- It is in no way disagreable except to officers and men. As to trophies and dogs that desire to try their teeth upon captures the account stands: Guns taken, 4101; lost, 1804; colors and standit. In this case an acrid fluid excudes from the skin which is disagreeable to tured, 13.861; lost, 129,227; wagons captured, 11,833; lost, 3910.

SLUMBER SONG.

On what terms do you propose to make

this loan ?" Upon my shoulder, rest with all thy charms

years from this date."

us?" asked her mother, as she noticed

but Mr. Egerton that had done us this "Why, my daughter ?" Surely he

is a very nice young man." joice, and the balmy winds blow back the flush which had arisen to her face and forth over the earth; and when at Mr. Egerton's entrance did not entirely die away.

much about him to her parents, she had seen a good deal of him, and whenmarkedly attentive. But the girl had intuitively felt that under the varnish

ly a coarse one. The papers were signed, and things

"Miss Margaret," he said, "I was ooking for you. I thought I might

garet's lips. She had judged him right- den to gather a few of its floral treasy, and as she saw what a veritable cox- ures. She was singing merrily all to comb he was, the fear of giving him herself, when she felt a touch upon her interview, which she had long recog- ton face to face.

"People may think it strange that I should choose for my bride one of your trip, Mr. Egerton?" whose parents nothing is known; but you will not, my dear, when I tell you

I cannot be your wife."

I do not love you. The dark blood flew to his face. "Not so fast, my lady, You must not think a girl, taken from the almshouse out of charity, shall refuse me! You know I hold the mortgage on your father's farm. Let me tell you that if approach, was Mr. Halstead. you are my wife when the time expires, I shall never ask a cent; if you are not I will demand the utmost farthing. I

sweet Margaret Halstead, the fairest business, and I know there isn't much chance of his paying it. What will you The last kindly feeling died out of Margaret's heart as the baseness of his

> claimed: "Marry you, Mr. Egerton-I would die first! You have only confirmed what has been my opinion of you."

She felt that she had done what was right, but she shuddered to think what Just then a light form bounded into knew what he had said might be only too true, for times were still hard.

> cure-to instruct girls, some of them but her beauty and grace won them from the start, and when they found how gently yet firmly she governed them, and how interesting she made even the dryest studies, they voted her

She did not meet Mr. Egerton, as bebegan to notice how his intelligent, they are often overgrown in the most

fair sex.

kind. I expected to pay off this mort- But before long even the other teach-